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**BlackRock**<sup>®</sup>

# **Global Allocation Fund**

NOT FDIC INSURED – MAY LOSE VALUE – NO BANK GUARANTEE

# 1. Flexible **alpha**

Pursue a book of **high conviction** equities with systematic tilts and thematic strategies

# 2. Diversified **risk**

**Combined with a diversified fixed income allocation** in an effort to provide cushion and carry to the portfolio

# 3. Risk-aware **process**

**Hedge tail risk** and manage volatility

MALOX



Overall Rating\*, out of 335  
Global Allocation funds



Analyst-Driven %<sup>3</sup>  
100%  
Data-Coverage %<sup>3</sup>  
100%

***The fund embraces a flexible, risk-aware style of investing.....***

# Global Allocation

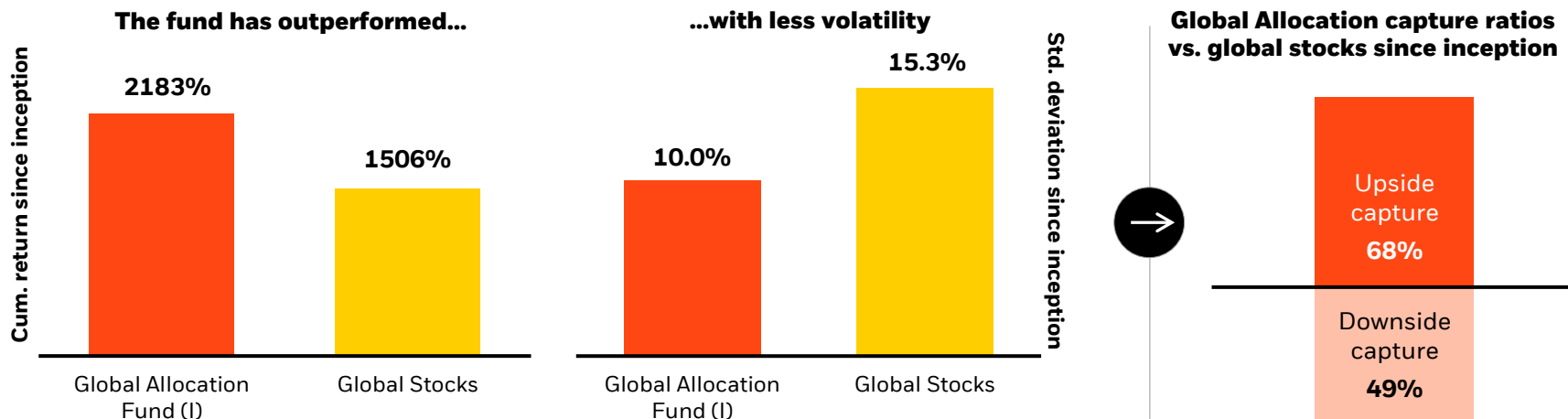
***.....Seeks competitive returns with global stocks over a full market cycle with lower volatility***

Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. Ratings are based on risk-adjusted total returns. \*The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. As of December 31, 2024, the Global Allocation Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 2 stars for the 3-year period, 4 stars for the 5-year period and 4 stars for the 10-year period, rated against 335, 319 and 244 Global Allocation Funds, respectively. Morningstar Rating is for the Institutional share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. <sup>1</sup>

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. More information available in "Important Notes" section. Morningstar has awarded the Fund a Gold Medal effective May 16, 2024. <sup>2</sup>

# Seeking competitive returns with global stocks over a full market cycle with lower volatility

- Historical returns in excess of global stocks with approximately 1/3 less volatility
- Flexibility to deviate from benchmark to capture opportunity and avoid areas of the market that are believed to be inefficient
- Combines traditional and non-traditional asset classes to access the entire capital stack



Average annual total returns (%) as of December 31, 2024	1 year	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Global Allocation Fund (Inst.)	9.24	6.01	5.51	9.12
FTSE World Index	17.96	11.19	10.17	8.06

*The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Investment returns reflect total fund operating expenses, net of all fees, waivers and/or expense reimbursement. Total annual fund operating expenses as stated in the fund's most recent prospectus are 0.89% for Institutional shares. Net annual fund operating expenses (including investment related expenses) are 0.85% for Institutional shares. As described in the "Management of the Fund" section of the Fund's prospectus beginning on page 54, BlackRock has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee payable by the Fund so that BlackRock receives a fee as a percentage of average daily net assets at various asset levels through June 30, 2026. The contractual agreement may be terminated upon 90 days' notice by a majority of the non-interested directors of the Fund or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund.* As of December 31, 2024. Source: BlackRock, Morningstar. The performance depicted above is for the BlackRock Global Allocation Fund (Institutional). Institutional shares are not available to all investors. Performance, fees and rankings for other share classes could be higher. Returns are net of fees and include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Returns calculated from first full month post inception (February 28, 1989). Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Global stocks are represented by the FTSE World Index.

# Global Allocation Portfolio Management Team

Portfolio Managers		
<b>Rick Rieder*</b> 38 years of experience Portfolio Manager	<b>Russ Koesterich, CFA, JD</b> 30 years of experience Portfolio Manager	
<b>Dez Desai</b> 25 years of experience Head of Thematic Strategies	<b>Sarah Thompson, CFA</b> 30 years of experience Head of Fundamental Strategies	<b>Randy Berkowitz, CFA</b> 22 years of experience Head of Quantitative Strategies
Backed by a roster of experienced & dedicated analysts		
<b>Macro Research</b> Macro analysts leverage BlackRock's global resources, provide daily market insights, and implement strategic & tactical trading positions	<b>Fundamental Security Selection</b> Fundamental analysts, primarily segmented by global equity industry, have the flexibility to recommend securities across the capital stack	<b>Quantitative Strategies</b> Quantitative research analysts implement systematic strategies & style factor tilts, calibrate portfolio exposures, and monitor risk

**Tom Walsh**  
 35 years of experience  
 Head of Private Equity Investment Committee

**Ariana Berry**  
 16 years of experience  
 Head of Legal Strategies

**Global Platform Oversight**

**Product Strategy**

## Industry analysts cover opportunities across regions, sectors, and the corporate capital stack

Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	Energy / Materials	Financials/ REITS	Healthcare	Industrials / Utilities	Media / Telecom	Technology
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## Incorporates specialized investment expertise from BLK Global Fixed Income

Global Rates	U.S. IG Corp Credit	U.S. HY Corp Credit	Non-US Credit	Securitized	Emerging Markets
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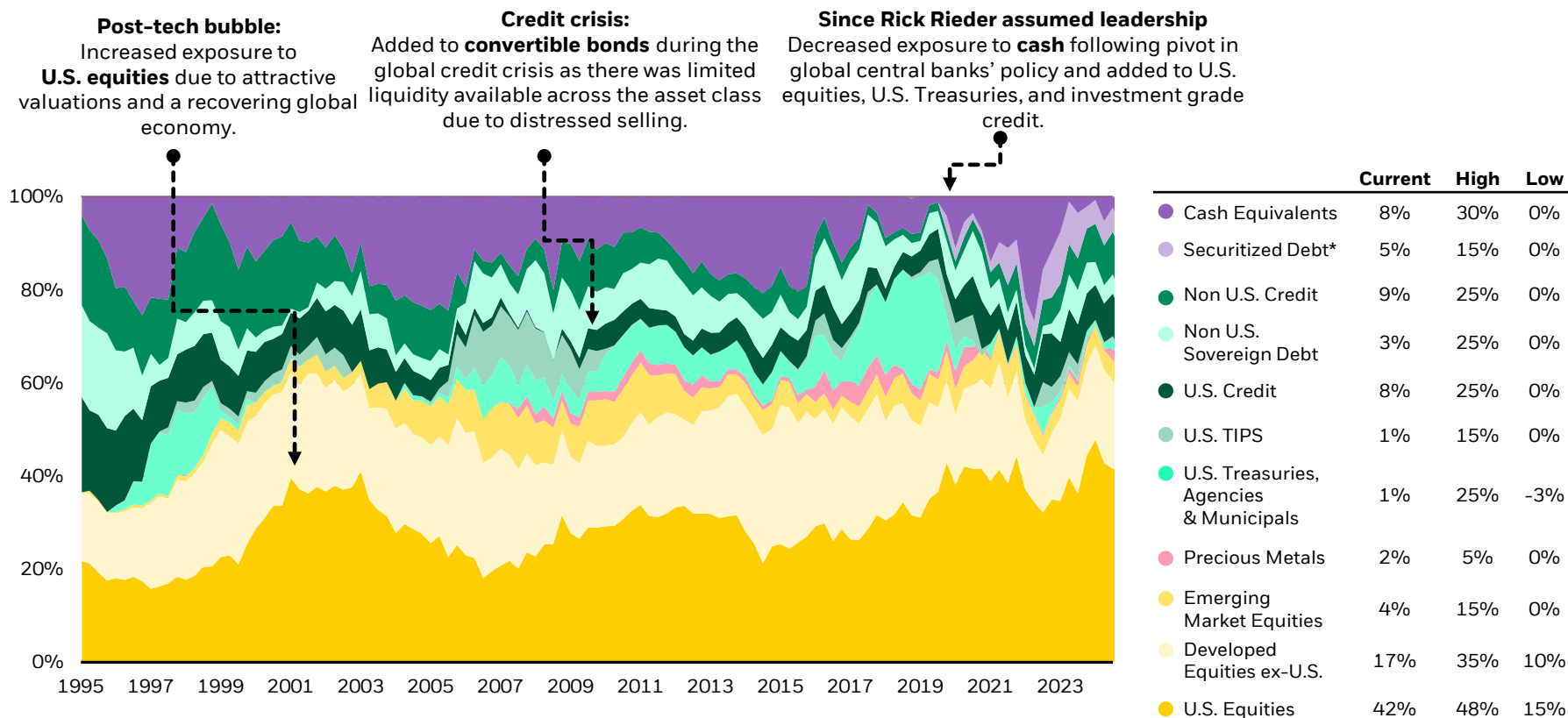
## Leverages the breadth and scale of BlackRock

BlackRock Investment Institute (BII)	Aladdin®	Trading & Liquidity	Risk & Quantitative Analysis (RQA)
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As of December 31, 2024. Source: BlackRock. \* Investment team leader.

# Global Allocation has the flexibility to adapt to changing markets

## Portfolio composition



As of December 31, 2024. Source: BlackRock. Subject to change. Asset allocation strategies do not assure profit and do not protect against loss. Prior to 2015, the fund's exposure was based on market value and adjusted for the economic value of futures and swaps. From 2015, the fund's exposure is based on the economic value of securities and is adjusted for futures, options, swaps (except with respect to fixed income securities), and convertible bonds. Prior to 2006, precious metals exposure was included in equities. Commodity-related is comprised of precious metals ETFs. \*Prior to October 31, 2019, exposure to securitized debt was included within fixed income. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

# **Current portfolio positioning and performance**

# Portfolio Snapshot as of December 31, 2024

## Equity

### Overweight:

- Regions: U.S.
- Sectors: Consumer Discretionary, Financials, Communication Services, Information Technology and Healthcare

### Underweight:

- Regions: Europe and developed Asia
- Sectors: Consumer Staples, REITs, and Materials

## Fixed Income

### Overweight:

- Corporate credit (notably high yield) and securitized assets

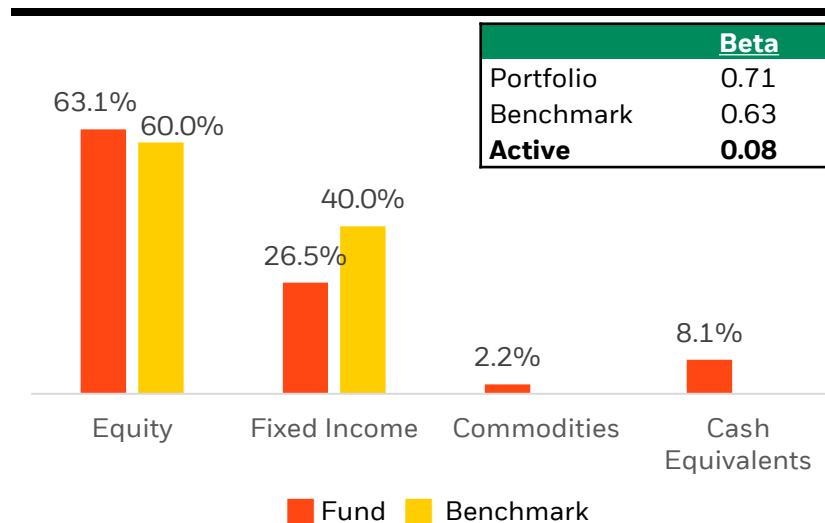
### Underweight:

- Developed Market Government Bonds

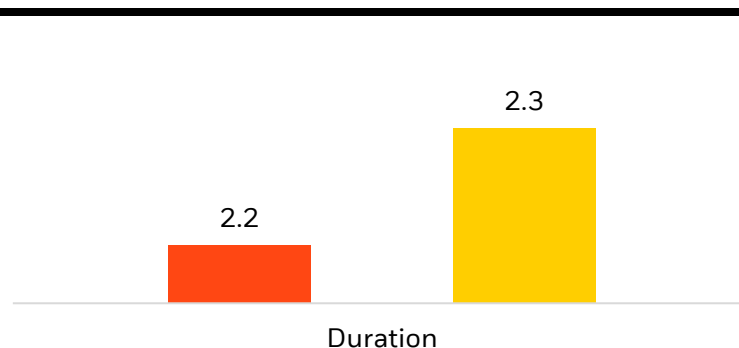
## Commodities, Cash and FX

- **Commodities:** Gold-related and bitcoin-related securities
- **Cash Equivalents:** Actively managed
- **FX:**
  - Overweight: U.S. Dollar
  - Underweight: Chinese Yuan, Hong Kong Dollar, Euro

## Asset Allocation (% of net assets\*)



## Duration



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# Areas of focus among core and thematic positions



## Software and Cloud computing

Platform providers transforming global commerce, software as a service (SaaS), cyber security and data management

## AI Related Infrastructure / Support

Companies positioned to power growth across open AI platforms, notably in heating/cooling and power generation



## Medical Devices

Long-term tailwinds from aging demographics and the desire for many to maintain a high quality of life through time

## Resilient Consumer

U.S. consumer spending has held up despite environment of slowing growth. Propensity to spend in select retailers known for value and brands.



## U.S. Money Centers and Payment Companies

U.S. has diversified business models that exhibit growth via consumer centered funding.

## Media and e-commerce

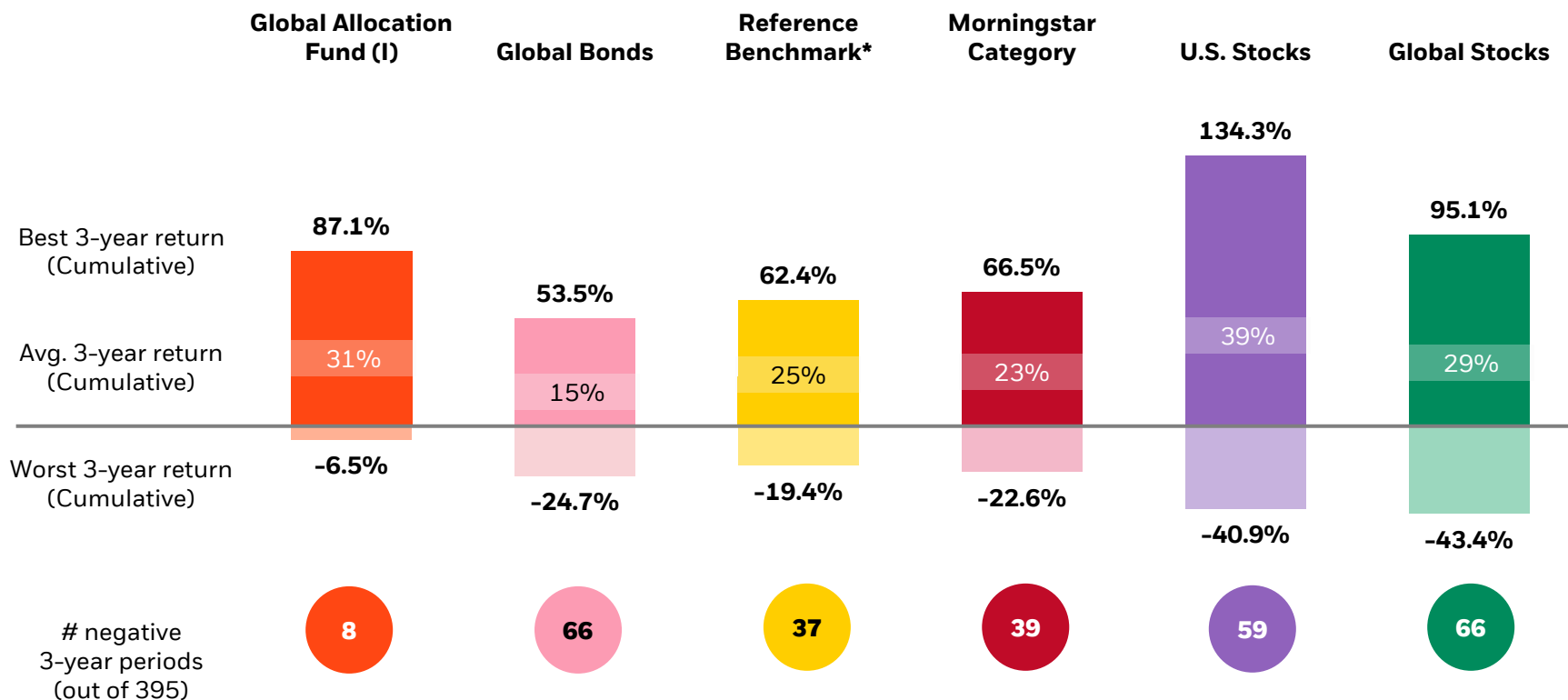
Companies positioned to benefit from a more stable digital advertising environment and continued growth of online shopping



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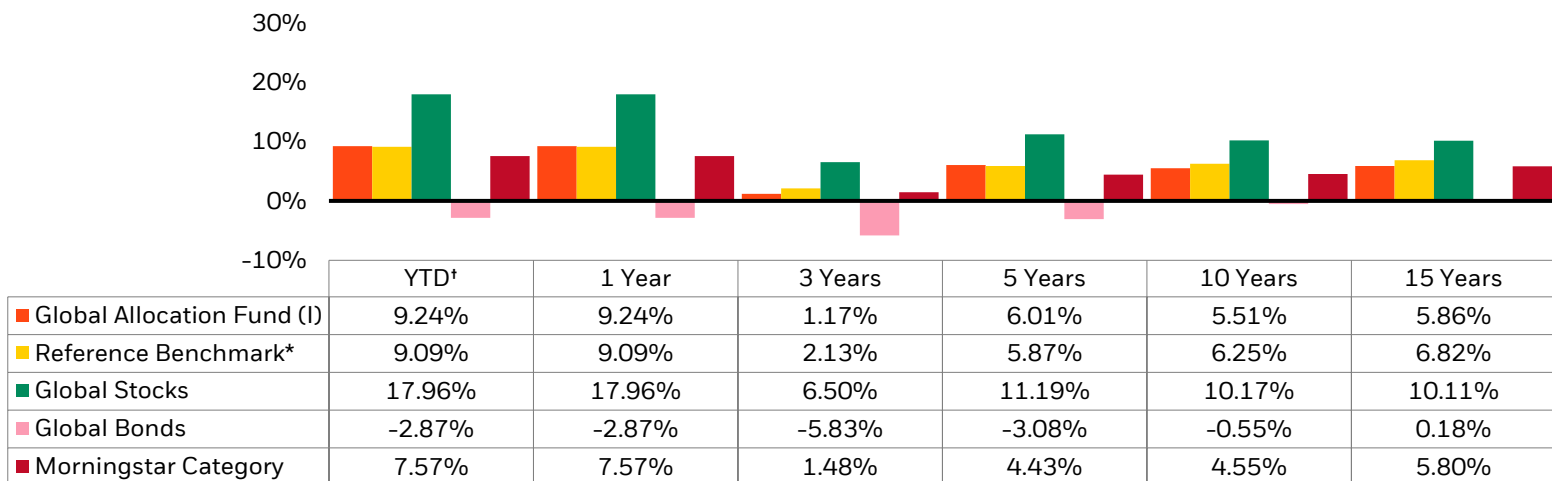
# A history of competitive performance and limited drawdowns



Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. As of December 31, 2024. Source: BlackRock, Bloomberg, Morningstar. Data reflects a time series of rolling three year cumulative returns based on calendar month-ends. Date range represents the life of the fund (Institutional share class inception (2/28/89) through the recent quarter-end) and is applied across all categories. The best 3-year return represents the highest 3-year return within the time series for each category. The average 3 year return represents the average 3-year return over the time series for each category. The worst 3-year return represents the lowest 3-year return with the time series for each category. The number of negative of periods represents the total number of periods where the 3-year return was <0.00% for each category. The performance depicted above is for the BlackRock Global Allocation Fund (Institutional). Other share classes will vary. Returns calculated from first full month post inception (February 28, 1989). Returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Global bonds represented by the FTSE World Government Bond Index, U.S. stocks by the S&P 500 Index, global stocks by the FTSE World Index and Morningstar Category by the Global Allocation Funds average. \* Reference benchmark consists of 36% S&P 500 Index, 24% FTSE World (ex-U.S.) Index, 24% ICE BofA/ML Current 5-Year U.S. Treasury Index, 16% FTSE Non-USD World Government Bond Index.

# Performance as of December 31, 2024

## Annualized total returns



## 30 Day SEC Yield / Unsubsidized Yield

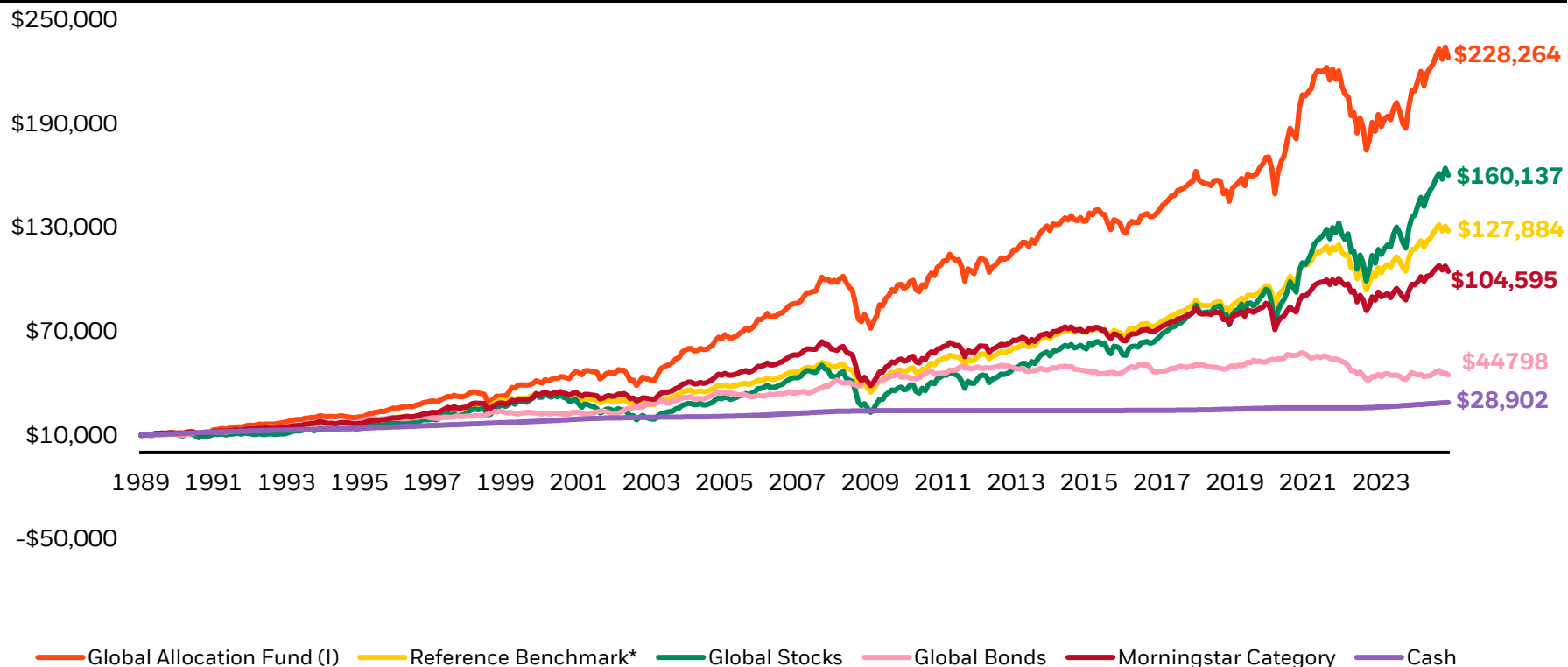
Global Allocation Fund (I)	1.99% / 1.96%
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**So what do I do with my  
money?®**

# Global Allocation Fund has provided growth over the long-term

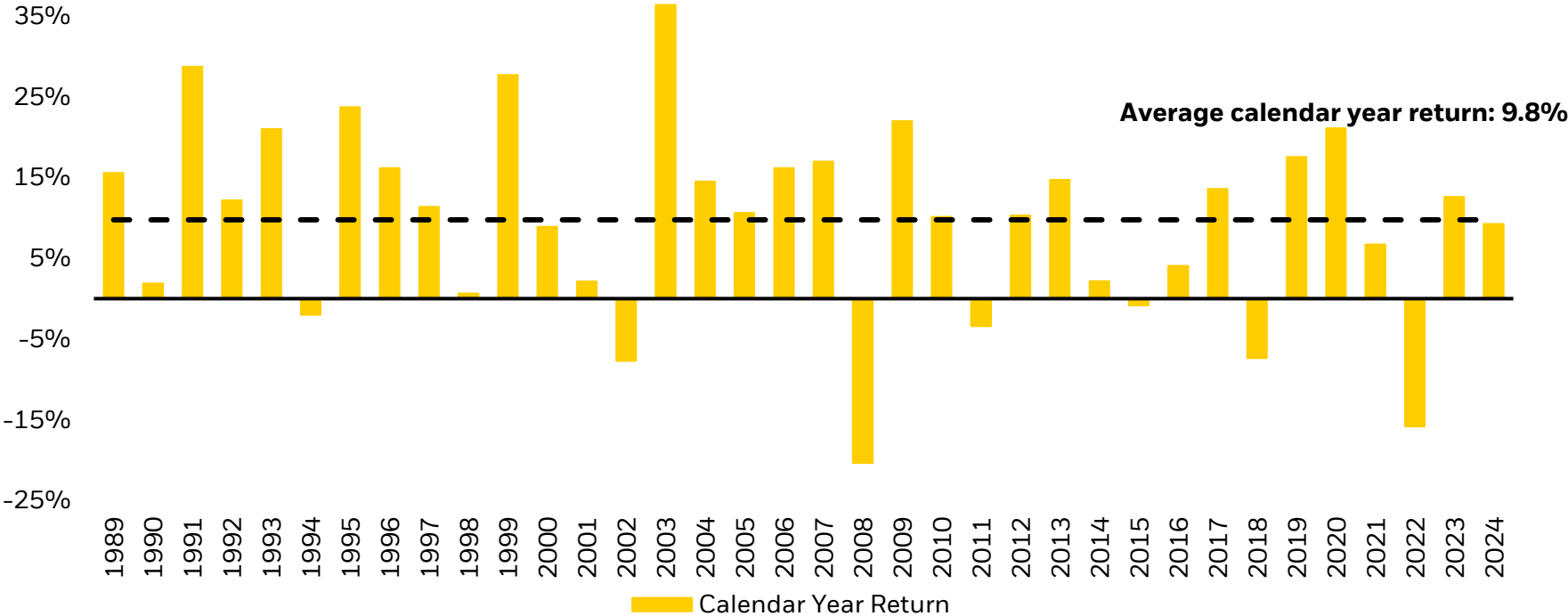
## Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment since inception



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# Designed to deliver competitive returns...

**Global Allocation is a global multi-asset fund, whose objective is to deliver high total investment return. The fund has a flexible, diversified and risk aware mandate, with the ability to invest across asset class, geography, sector, industry or security.**

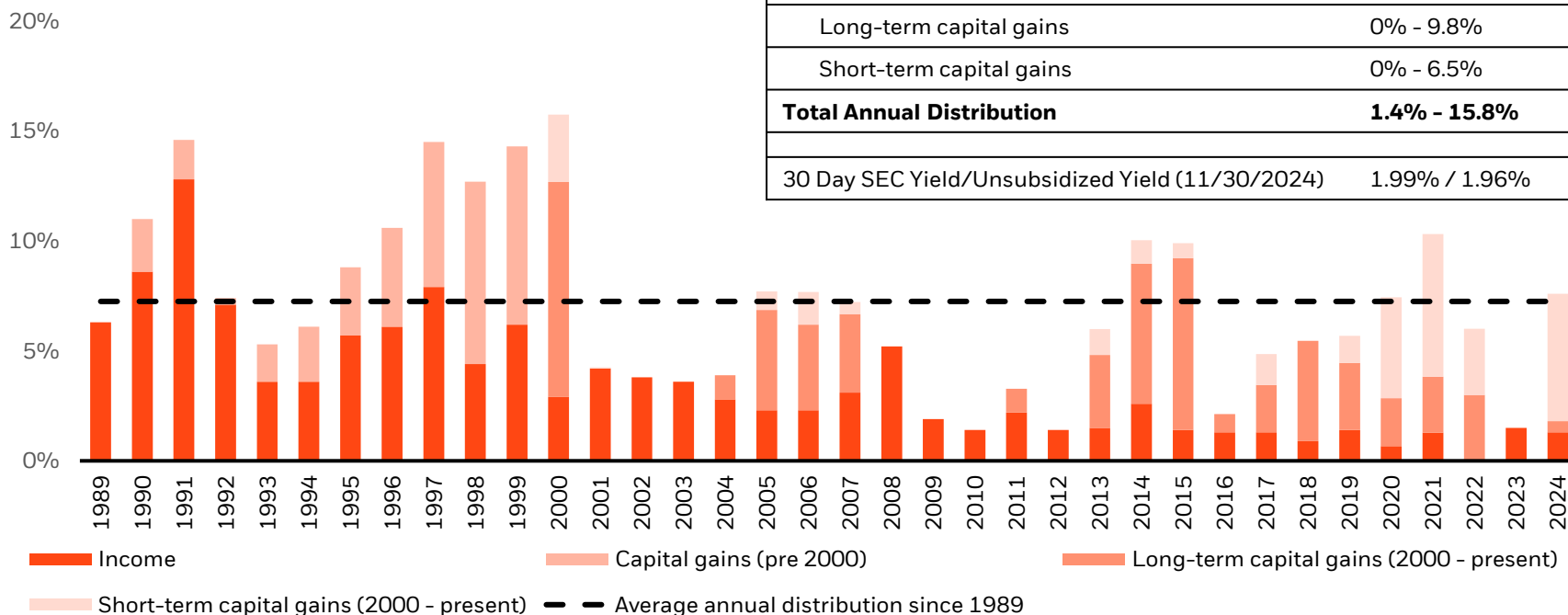


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# ...But has also delivered cash flow

Generating income for clients is increasingly difficult, creating a need to seek alternative forms of cash flow. In the pursuit of total return, investors can choose to receive or reinvest the various cash flows that comprise the fund's annual distributions (income + capital gains) – a sum that has averaged over 7% per year.

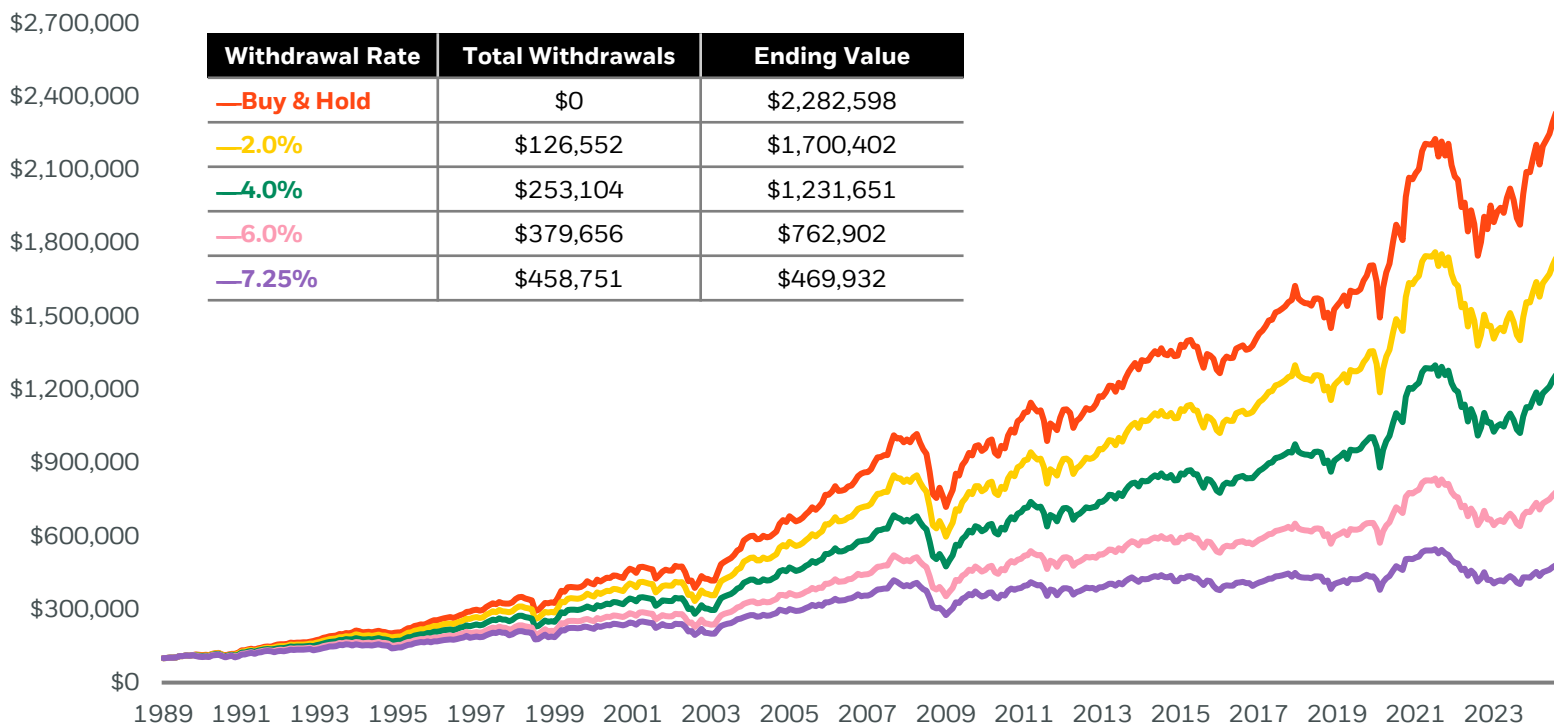
Range of distributions over time (as % of NAV)*	
Income	0% - 12.8%
Capital gains (pre 2000)	0% - 8.3%
Long-term capital gains	0% - 9.8%
Short-term capital gains	0% - 6.5%
<b>Total Annual Distribution</b>	<b>1.4% - 15.8%</b>
30 Day SEC Yield/Unsubsidized Yield (11/30/2024)	
	1.99% / 1.96%



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# Using the Fund as a source of cash flow

**Inflation-adjusted withdrawal scenario for \$100,000 investment in Global Allocation Fund. An annual withdrawal rate of 2 - 7.3% has allowed for capital appreciation.**



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# Important notes

**1 The Morningstar Rating™** for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure (excluding any applicable sales charges) that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

**2 The Morningstar Medalist Rating™** is the summary expression of Morningstar's forward-looking analysis of investment strategies as offered via specific vehicles using a rating scale of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Neutral, and Negative. The Medalist Ratings indicate which investments Morningstar believes are likely to outperform a relevant index or peer group average on a risk-adjusted basis over time. Investment products are evaluated on three key pillars (People, Parent, and Process) which, when coupled with a fee assessment, forms the basis for Morningstar's conviction in those products' investment merits and determines the Medalist Rating they're assigned. Pillar ratings take the form of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High. Pillars may be evaluated via an analyst's qualitative assessment (either directly to a vehicle the analyst covers or indirectly when the pillar ratings of a covered vehicle are mapped to a related uncovered vehicle) or using algorithmic techniques. Vehicles are sorted by their expected performance into rating groups defined by their Morningstar Category and their active or passive status. When analysts directly cover a vehicle, they assign the three pillar ratings based on their qualitative assessment, subject to the oversight of the Analyst Rating Committee, and monitor and reevaluate them at least every 14 months. When the vehicles are covered either indirectly by analysts or by algorithm, the ratings are assigned monthly. For more detailed information about these ratings, including their methodology, please go to [global.morningstar.com/managerdisclosures/](http://global.morningstar.com/managerdisclosures/). The Morningstar Medalist Ratings are not statements of fact, nor are they credit or risk ratings. The Morningstar Medalist Rating (i) should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating an investment product, (ii) involves unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause expectations not to occur or to differ significantly from what was expected, (iii) are not guaranteed to be based on complete or accurate assumptions or models when determined algorithmically, (iv) involve the risk that the return target will not be met due to such things as unforeseen changes in management, technology, economic development, interest rate development, operating and/or material costs, competitive pressure, supervisory law, exchange rate, tax rates, exchange rate changes, and/or changes in political and social conditions, and (v) should not be considered an offer or solicitation to buy or sell the investment product. A change in the fundamental factors underlying the Morningstar Medalist Rating can mean that the rating is subsequently no longer accurate.

**3 Analyst Driven %** is the analyst input into the overall rating assignment, including direct analyst coverage and inheritance of an analyst-rated pillar. **Data Coverage %** is available input data for rating calculation at the Pillar level.



# Important notes

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